

1 1/2 A
LP

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Naoki Kimura et al.

Art Unit : Unknown

Serial No. :

Examiner : Unknown

Filed : Herewith

Title : NOVEL SECRETORY MEMBRANE PROTEIN

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Sub B

-- This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/441,722, filed October 1, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of PCT/JP98/01511 filed April 1, 1998, and claims priority from Japanese Application No. 9/99653 filed April 1, 1997. --

In the claims:

Cancel claims 9-27.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

Express Mail Label No. EL624321139US

I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.10 that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Date of Deposit

Signature

May 14, 2001
Lisa G. Gray
Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate